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# H. R. 5547

To amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to require eligible recipients of certain grants to develop a comprehensive economic development strategy that directly or indirectly increases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 8, 2021

Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia (for herself and Mr. YOUNG) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Care is an Economic  
3 Development Strategy Act” or the “CEDS Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
5 **STRATEGIES.**

6 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 302(a)(3)(A) of the Pub-  
7 lic Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 (42  
8 U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) is amended—

9 (1) by striking “and” before “balances re-  
10 sources”; and

11 (2) by inserting “, and directly or indirectly in-  
12 creases the accessibility of affordable, quality care-  
13 based services, including child care, early childhood  
14 education, disability and long-term care, and elder  
15 care” after “sound management of development”.

16 (b) **GUIDANCE.**—

17 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 1 year after  
18 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of  
19 Commerce shall issue guidance on implementing the  
20 amendments made by subsection (a), to include how  
21 to increase access to the affordable, quality care-  
22 based services described in section 302(a)(3)(A) of  
23 the Public Works and Economic Development Act of  
24 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162(a)(3)(A)) in a comprehensive  
25 economic development strategy developed under sec-  
26 tion 302 of such Act.

1           (2) EXISTING COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DE-  
2           VELOPMENT STRATEGIES.—In issuing the guidance  
3           under paragraph (1), with respect to a grant recipi-  
4           ent whose comprehensive economic development  
5           strategy has been approved under section 302 of the  
6           Public Works and Economic Development Act of  
7           1965 (42 U.S.C. 3162) before the date of enactment  
8           of this Act, the Secretary shall ensure that such  
9           grant recipient is only required to update such com-  
10          prehensive economic development strategy to comply  
11          with the amendments made by this Act when a regu-  
12          larly scheduled update to such comprehensive eco-  
13          nomic development strategy is required.

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